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Title: Protection of an electric power transmission network

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Submitted herewith is a Search Report/Examination Report issued in a corresponding foreign patent application by the

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